

JSEC/CMT Minutes
January 15, 2013
11:30 a.m. Venture Inn

Treasurer's Report: Checking \$264.36 Savings\$749.11

Announcements:

One Stop Recertification Approved! Thanks to all who helped out by submitting Partnership Agreements so quickly!

ATTENDING & UPDATES:

Visitor – Tina Resch, Local Veteran – Guest speaker to talk about the Veterans Memorial and Zachary Haines fundraising efforts.

Rick Ball, Lincoln County Libraries made the exciting announcement that the Library will be moving to the old Asa Wood school site! He stated that this is a joint project between the City, the County and the School District and is still in the initial planning stages. JSEC members in attendance seemed to be pretty unanimous in feeling this to be a superb idea!

Rick says this site will allow the Library to become the hub of the community with After-School programs and potential for numerous other activities. The gym, the playground, basketball courts and the walking track are all there. It is a very large, centrally located property that could be used for almost anything; ice skating, cross country skiing, the community pool if that should come on the horizon again. There are also showers in the building. Rick would like to see a café/coffee shop on the premises. There would be a theater room, space for craft bazars, etc.

Jeralyn Jones, Montanore Mine – Biological Opinion is on-going with USFS. On track for the final EIS to be complete by August or September. Working with DEQ, USFS, Corps of Engineers. No hiring until first quarter of 2014 if all permitting goes as planned with no lawsuits.

Steve Patrick, Stinger Welding – After the tragic death of owner Carl Douglas, Stinger currently back in operation but may not continue to operate for longer than a couple of months due to pending lawsuits. All the facts surrounding the lawsuits need to be reported fairly. Stinger currently provides jobs for 68 families (down from 102) and the community needs to show their support if they want the company to continue to maintain the Libby

operation. No future work is currently being solicited due to pending litigation with the County and the Port Authority.

Pam Zimmerman, Achievements, Inc. – Business as usual.

Peggy Rayome, Kootenai Valley Head Start – Very busy. Raising the bar for their performance. Just completed a Self-Assessment. Children are progressing well and that is gratifying to see for the School Readiness Team. They have new curriculum and are getting 5 Smart Boards for their 5 classrooms.

Shanda Jennings, Libby Area Chamber of Commerce – Clearing up some misconceptions about fundraising for the Eagle statue that is planned for the end of Mineral Avenue. No City funds are being used to purchase this sculpture. There are three tickets (for 2) left for the Annual Fundraiser Dinner on February 2nd. There are guaranteed door prizes and the grand prize is \$3000 in Libby Bucks (which are being reinstated). These are not taxed if businesses want to use them to reward their employees. They have 26 new members.

Jan Meadows, FVCC – Lincoln County Campus printed their new catalog of Credit and Non-Credit classes. There are lots of fun and interesting non-credit classes including Shanda teaching Improv and a Line Dancing class among others.

Jamie Brebner, Homesteaders Feed & The Last Straw Café – Business as usual.

Randy Holm, CAP – They are extremely busy with the Housing and Energy grants. Their successful paid Work Experience program may be renewed.

Kindra Hageness – Juvenile Probation – Business as usual, answered questions about their work program for youth.

Johnette Watkins, Kootenai Job Service – Looking forward to increased involvement by Job Service in Economic Development as a priority recognized by the new Governor and Commissioner of Labor. They recognize Job Service as the face of State government and an important hub in communities.

Heather Merritt, Kootenai Job Service – Talked about importance of Stinger Welding to families in the community. Talked about success of the OJT program and the great opportunity it provides for increased positive contact with employers.

Video: Workplace Bullying

Veteran's Memorial: Tina Resch is a Veteran of 20 years and a Nuclear Biological & Chemical Warfare Specialist who has been deployed overseas on active duty several times and is waiting for her next deployment. Tina has an active role in fund-raising for the planned Veteran's Memorial. There has been local controversy over the best site for the

Memorial which will cost approximately \$100,000 and will commemorate local Veterans with a life-size sculpture of a World War One Veteran and a Gulf War Veteran. Celebrated local artist, Scott Leonard has been commissioned to create the sculpture. People will purchase bricks with the names of loved ones who have served. The group discussed suggestions for possible alternate sites to the Riverfront Park site including the new Asa Wood center and the old band shell location on Mineral Avenue in front of the building that was planned as Libby Lofts. They will be selling Raffle Tickets for a 30-06 rifle for \$10 each.

There will be a very large fund-raising concert featuring Copper Mountain Band on June 1st at the Legion Baseball Fields. Dave Blackburn's band will open the concert and the Libby Select Choir will sing along with numerous other planned events including the reading of a list of all local Veterans who died in combat. Chas Vincent will attend and even possibly Governor Bullock. Treasure Mountain Casino has pledged to donate 100% of their beverage receipts. There will be patriotic artwork posted around town by local students.

Tina has also taken an active community role on behalf of Zachary Haines, a 10 year old Libby boy, who has been diagnosed with a deadly brain tumor and is undergoing radiation and chemotherapy. Zachary needs a miracle and Tina is raising funds to pay Zachary's parents' bills so that they can stay at Seattle Children's hospital with their son. There will be a fundraiser at the VFW in April. You can follow Zachary's progress through his daily journal at www.caringbridge.org/visit/ZacharyHaines .

Jerilyn talked about another Libby youth, Clay Edgmon, who is also undergoing cancer treatment with a fundraiser planned in March at the VFW.

Next Meeting – February 19th, 2013